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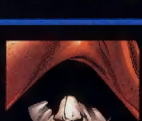
After a fatal explosion during a televised fight between the New Warriors and a group of dangerous villains in Stamford, Connecticut, the U.S. government passed the federal Superhuman Registration Act. All individuals possessing paranormal abilities must now register with authorities via the Initiative, a plan for training and policing superhumans in this brave new world, aiming to position a local super hero team in each of America's fifty states.

TASKMASTER

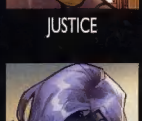


THE HOOD

JUSTICE

NIGHT THRASHER

CONSTRICTOR



DIAMONDBACK

Norman Osborn has been utilizing the Initiative to his own ends, not only promoting the assassin Taskmaster and crime boss The Hood to senior staff positions, but also filling the ranks of the Fifty State Initiative with an army of "reformed" villains trained at Camp H.A.M.M.E.R.

Now, Osborn has led his Dark Avengers and the ranks of the Fifty State Initiative into a siege of Asgard, the legendary home of the Norse gods. Amidst the chaos, personal battles wage as Taskmaster confronts his real place in the world, Diamondback struggles with her team and romantic loyalties, and Night Thrasher is forced to make a sacrifice: the life of his brother, or his friends!

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Camp H.A.M.M.E.R.
Night Thrasher
Tigra
The Hood
LAST CHANCE, DONYELL!
YOU WANT YOUR BROTHER BACK...PUT THIS ANIMAL DOWN!
HE CAN DO IT. HE CAN BRING DWAYNE BACK TO LIFE... IF I TURN ON MY FRIENDS.
ALL THOSE YEARS I HAD A BROTHER...THE YEARS I WASTED HATING HIM, FIGHTING HIM...I HAVE THE CHANCE TO MAKE UP FOR THEM NOW.
TO MAKE IT RIGHT FOR DWAYNE. AND ALL I HAVE TO DO...

...IS WHAT HE'D DO.
GOODBYE, BROTHER. I LOVE YOU.
GOT A MESSAGE FROM HEAVEN.
DWAYNE SAYS
GO TO HELL!
THE HAMMER FALLS
PART 2 OF 3

YOU DISAPPOINT ME, DONYELL. BUT I'M SOFT-HEARTED. I'LL REUNITE YOU WITH YOUR BROTHER ANYWAY.
YOU CAN ROT TOGETHER!
CHOOM
CHOOM
THANKS FOR THAT. BUT THIS IS PERSONAL, ME AND HIM.
I GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE, TOO. HOW ABOUT WE BREAK HIM IN HALF, EACH GET A PIECE?
HMM.
WORKS FOR ME!
WHAM
RRAAGH!
SHRRP

IDIOTS. SMALL-TIME D-LIST WASTES.
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I AM.
I HAVE THE NORN STONES. THE POWER OF GODS.
ON YOUR KNEES!
SHRAK
KRRGOOM
HE'S USING MAGIC--MAKING THEM STRONGER!
YEAH, I--NNGH--FIGURED SOMETHING WAS UP WHEN THE RINGER, OF ALL PEOPLE, STARTED KICKING MY ASS.
Justice
Ultragirl
THAT'S IT, VANCE. SNAP AT SUZI WHEN YOU'RE REALLY MAD AT YOURSELF. IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GO LIKE THIS. HALF THEIR GUYS ARE OFF INVADING ASGARD. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO GO DOWN EASY.
THIS WAS MY CALL. WE WERE SUPPOSED TO WIN FOR ONCE. INSTEAD I'VE LED US INTO A KILL ZONE.

Scarlet Spider
Rage
OKAY, SO THEY'RE POWERED UP FROM EMBARRASSING TO JUST PATHETIC! SO WE WORK A LITTLE HARDER!
AIN'T NO PLAN B HERE, PEOPLE! IT'S DO OR DIE TIME!
Gauntlet
JUST LIKE THE NEW WARRIORS, I UNITED A BUNCH OF INEXPERIENCED KIDS, THEN LEFT WHEN THE AVENGERS GAVE ME A SHOT AT THE BIG LEAGUES.
Slapstick
YEAH! YOU GOLDBRICKS WANNA LIVE FOREVER? SCOTLAND WILL BE FREE! SPARTAANNNS!
AND THEY DIED. DWAYNE AND NAMORITA AND SIX HUNDRED INNOCENT PEOPLE. BECAUSE I WASN'T THERE.
NOW THE AVENGERS RESISTANCE IS GOING TO DIE BECAUSE I RUSHED US INTO A FIGHT WE WEREN'T READY FOR. AND WITH THE OTHER AVENGERS IN ASGARD, THERE'S NO ONE I CAN EVEN CALL FOR HELP...
Penance's Quarters.
YOUR MOVE, PENANCE. STAND DOWN, OR WE TAKE AWAY YOUR POWERS WITH THE S.P.I.N. TECH DARTS AND DO A REBOOT ON YOUR BRAIN.
YOU GOT 'TIL THE COUNT OF...Y'KNOW WHAT? TO HELL WITH IT.
FIRE!!
BRAKKA
BRAKKA
BRAKKA

WELL, THAT SUCKS.
BWHOOOM
The Shadow Initiative's Quarters.
Butterball
YOU HEAR THAT?
SOMETHING IS HAPPENING. THIS IS OUR TIME TO STRIKE.
Bengal
BUT YOU HEARD THE GUARDS-- WE'RE CONFINED TO QUARTERS. HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO--
Batwing
THE INITIATIVE USES YOU GUYS AS CANNON FODDER IF YOU'RE AS SICK OF IT AS I AM...
...COME WITH ME.

Outside.
FORM ON ME! WE CAN DO THIS!
WHAT, DIE LIKE SLAUGHTER-HOUSE PIGS? YES YOU CAN.
NO TURNING BACK, VANCE, AT LEAST THIS TIME, IF YOU FAIL, YOU DIE WITH YOUR FRIENDS.
I CAN FEEL THOSE FLAMES FROM HERE LIKE THE SUN. WE CAN'T WIN THIS.
SUZI...RAGE...DONYELL... I'M SORRY. THERE'S SO MUCH I'LL NEVER GET TO MAKE RIGHT. PEOPLE I'VE HURT...MOM... ANGELICA...ROBBIE...
...I'M SORRY I LET YOU DOWN...
BLAM BLAM BLAM
SSSTHK
WHAT THE HELL--?

THAT'S OUR RESIGNATION.
WE QUIT.
HEY, VANCE...
...LET'S SHOW 'EM HOW WE SPANKED TERRAX'S ASS BACK IN THE DAY.
R-ROBBIE?
HOLD UP. ROBBIE BALDWIN? DAMN, MAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO--
WAIT. PENANCE IS SPEEDBALL?
WE'LL CATCH UP LATER.
AFTER WE'VE LEVELED THIS PLACE TO THE GROUND.

GET OUTTA OUR HOME, YA JERKS!
MORE BODIES? FINE BY ME.
BRING IT.
BEETLE BEET
OH, THIS IS JUST PERFECT.

LISTEN UP! MANDRILL! GRIFFIN! ALL THE BROOKLYN CREW! OSBORN NEEDS US!
NOW? THIS IS NOT A GREAT TIME--
IT IS WHAT IT IS. THIS IS THE DEAL WE MADE.
ANYWAY, IT'S NOT JUST OSBORN CALLING US. IT'S SOMEONE WHO MAKES ALL WE DO POSSIBLE.
AND IF HE LOSES IN ASGARD, WHAT HAPPENS HERE DOESN'T MEAN SQUAT.
WAIT... YOU'RE GONNA LEAVE US?
YEAH. POWERED UP. YOU GOT THE MUSCLE TO WIN THIS NOW.
WHETHER YOU'VE GOT THE TALENT...?
THAT'S ON YOU.
AWKAH AWKAH!!

NO! GET BACK HERE! YOU DON'T RUN OUT ON ME NOW!
...NOT NOW...
OKAY, PEOPLE...WE GOT A GIFT! LET'S MAKE IT COUNT!
AVENGERS...

Asgard.
...ASSEMBLE!
Constrictor
OKAY. THIS THING'S GONE *TOTALLY* OFF THE RAILS.
NO MATTER WHAT SIDE WINS, HEADS ARE GONNA ROLL. MY JOB NOW IS TO MAKE SURE ONE OF 'EM AIN'T *MINE*.
Diamondback
NO SWEAT. I'M THE *TASKMASTER*. SAVING MY OWN ASS IS WHAT I DO **BEST**.
Taskmaster
AND I SEE A RED, WHITE AND BLUE *INSURANCE POLICY* DEAD AHEAD.

IF OSBORN'S SIDE WINS, IT WON'T HURT TO BE THE GUY WHO SAVED THE BOSS'S ARMOR-PLATED ASS. AND IF WE LOSE...
...IT'S BACK TO THE MERCENARY LIFE. ON THE LAM. GETTIN' BY ON MY REP. SO THE BEST THING I CAN DO IS BUILD UP THAT REP.
IT BURNED ME UP THAT CROSSBONES--A GUY I TRAINED--GOT CREDIT FOR KILLIN' CAPTAIN AMERICA. BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE I GOT A CHANCE TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT.
CAP, BEHIND YOU!
BLAM BLAM
PING
PING
THE HELL IS THIS--?
DON'T MATTER.
I WON'T LIE TO YOU, CAPTAIN AMERICA. I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO A REMATCH FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
REALLY? I BARELY REMEMBER YOU.

WELL, YOU KNOW YOU'VE LIVED A COLORFUL LIFE IF SKULL HEAD HERE DOESN'T MAKE AN IMPRESSION.
I'VE MET A FEW SKULL HEADS.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE.
FUNNY. I GOT A WITTY REJOINDER...
...RIGHT HERE!
KTANG
HNFF!
DAMN!!

A WASTE OF TIME. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE.
WHUD
BUCK! THIS GUY DUPLICATES FIGHTING STYLES. HE'S STUDIED ME.
HE HASN'T STUDIED YOU.
COPY THAT. GO AFTER OSBORN. I GOT THIS.
HA! KNEW YOU REMEMBERED ME.
THAT'S IT, RUN, YA YELLOW SONOFA--
HEY. YOU WANT A KNIFE FIGHT?
I CAN DO THAT.
JEEZ--!
SHRRP

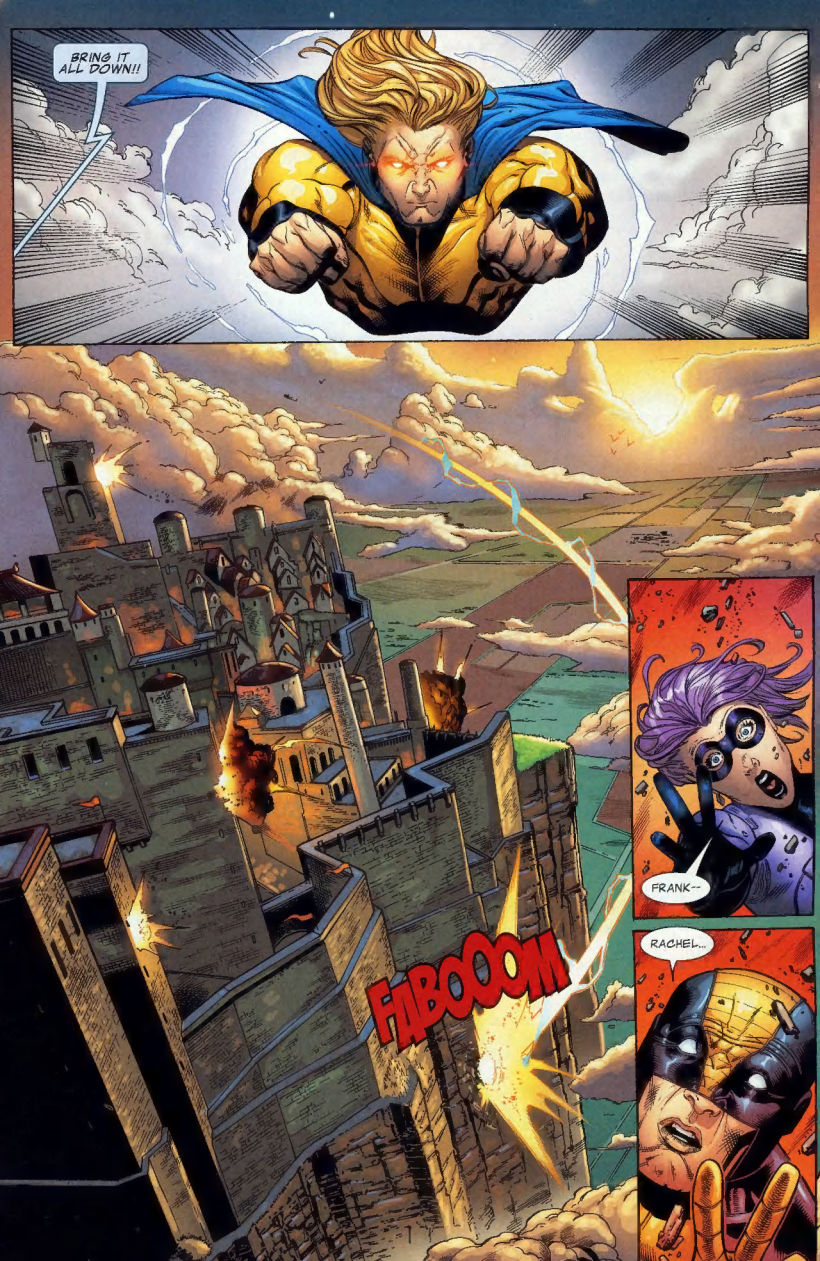
WAIT A MINUTE. I HAVE STUDIED YOU. YOU GOT A BUNCH'A NEW STUFF MIXED IN, BUT I KNOW THOSE MOVES FROM THE NEWSREELS.
YER BUCKY. THE ORIGINAL DEAD SIDEKICK... ALIVE.
MAN. AIN'T ANYTHING SACRED NO MORE?
YEAH...THE FLAG. THIS COUNTRY. THE PUBLIC TRUST.
AND FOR WHAT YOU AND YOUR KIND HAVE DONE TO THEM...
...I'M TAKING YOU DOWN!
TRY IT!!
SO. WHAT'S IT LIKE BEING THE OLD MAN'S TOOL?
FUNNY, I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME--

FWASSHH
AH, HELL.
CALL IN ALL THE BACKUP YOU WANT--
ME? THOSE FIGHTER JETS AIN'T ATTACKIN' YOUR RIDE...
"THEY'RE ATTACKIN' MINE."

FRANK... LOOK! LOOK THERE!
THOSE ARE MILITARY PLANES, SHOOTING DOWN THE H.A.M.M.E.R. HELICARRIER. ONLY THE PRESIDENT CAN GIVE THAT ORDER.
RACHEL!
LOOK OUT!
AHHHH!
SHZZAKK
ARE YOU--
FINE. MORE'N I CAN SAY FOR VIKING BOY...THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR HACKING INTO A GUY WITH BIONIC ARMS. YOU GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL, RACHEL.
I KNOW. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS? IT MEANS OSBORN FINALLY WENT TOO FAR.
YEAH. AND HE'S PAYIN' THE PRICE. CHECK THAT OUT.
"NORMAN'S GOING DOWN."

STEVE, AND IRON MAN. OH, THANK GOD... THEY'RE GOING TO WIN THIS THING.
ALL THESE TERRIBLE DAYS PRETENDING TO BE PART OF OSBORN'S INITIATIVE ARE OVER. HE AND ALL HIS JAILBIRD CRONIES ARE...
...ARE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHOULD WE RUN FOR IT?
STEVE!!
WHAT THE HELL--?
OH. RIGHT. RACHEL'S ONE OF THEM.
SHE WAS JUST PRETENDING TO WORK WITH US SO SHE COULD FEED INFO TO THE RESISTANCE.
JUST PRETENDING TO GIVE A DAMN ABOUT A LOSER LIKE ME.

FRANK?
FRANK, WHERE ARE YOU--
OH, NO. HE THINKS I'M--
FRANK, DAMMIT, GET OVER HERE!
WE HAVE TO TELL STEVE YOU PROTECTED ME! THAT YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS! THAT WE--THAT I--
THAT I LOVE--
BOB! BOB!!
DON'T LET THEM WIN!
Thor
The Sentry
BRING IT DOWN!


BRING IT ALL DOWN!!
KABOOOM
FRANK--
RACHEL...

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